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E.O. 11652: XGDS-1
TAGS: PFOR CH UNSC XF
SUBJ: MIDDLE EAST QUESTION IN SECURITY COUNCIL

1. IN RESPONSE TO REPEATED PRC REQUESTS FOR CONSULTATION ON WAYS ME QUESTION MIGHT ARISE IN SECURITY COUNCIL DURING CHINESE PRESIDENCY (I.E. DECEMBER), POLCOUNS SPOKE WITH CHOU NAN DECEMBER 4.

2. CHOU NAN FIRST ASKED IN GENERAL TERMS WHETHER ME QUESTION WOULD AGAIN ARISE IN SC DURING 1973. TOLD QUESTION MIGHT NOT COME TO SC AT ALL, CHOU REFERRED TO REPORTS THAT SYG WALDHEIM WOULD HAVE ROLE IN ME PEACE CONFERENCE DURING DECEMBER. WOULD THIS NOT REQUIRE ACTION?

3. POLCOUNS, AFTER DENYING ANY OFFICIAL KNOWLEDGE OX PSECIFIC PLANS FOR ME PEACE CONFERENCE, OFFERED PERSONAL CONFIDENTIAL

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OPINION THAT, IN EVENT SYG INVITED TO PLAY ROLE IN CONFERENCE, SOME SC MEMBER OR MEMBERS MIGHT TAKE VIEW THAT SYG SHOULD HAVE SC MANDATE OR BLESSING. CHOU ASKED WHAT FORM MANDAGE OR BLESSING MIGHT TAKE. WOULD FORMAL

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MEETING AND FORMAL RESOLUTION BEN NECESSARY? POLCOUNS
OFFERED PERSONAL CONJECTURE THAT, IF SYG INFORMED SC
PRESIDENT OF INTENTION TO ACCEPT LIMITED ROLE IN AN
INTERNATIONAL PEACE CONFERENCE, MEMBERSHIP MIGHT POSSIBLY
BE WILLING, AFTER INDIVIDUAL CONSULTATION, TO AUTHORIZE
SC PRESIDENT TO ACQUIESCE WITHOUT FORMAL MEETING. COMMENT:
CHOU LEFT IMPRESSION THAT HE URGENTLY CONCERNED TO FIND
WAY TO AVOID PUBLIC INVOLVEMENT IN ME PEACE PROCESS. HE
SAID NOTHING TO SUGGEST, HOWEVER, THAT HE IN ANY WAY HOSTILE
OR EVEN UNSYMPATHETIC TO EFFORT ACHIEVE ME PEACE.

4. WE HAVE IN FACT BEGUN TO RECEIVE INDICATIONS THAT SOME
SC MEMBERS (INDIA AND YUGOSLIAVA ARE PROMINENTLY MENTIONED,
WITH UN AND FRANCE BEING IN BACKGROUND) ARE SUGGESTING THAT
SC MEETING MAY BE NECESSARY TO EMPOWER WALDHEIM FOR
PEACE CONFERENCE ROLE.
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